cording to the latest available estimates, India's total external debt as on 30th September, 1995 is as under:—

	U.S. Dollar million	Rupee Crore
Total long-term debt	89353	303071
Short-term debt	4490	15248
TOTAL	93843	318319

(b) India's external debt is well within manageable limits as indicated by debt service and other indicators. No special negotiations are envisaged for debt write-offs.

Cases before Company Law Board

3538. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases Company Law Board received during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the number of cases disposed of by the Board during this period; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Board for early disposal of pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the year 1994-95 and 1995-96, Company Law Board (CLB) received 5,752 and 6,087 cases respectively. The cases mainly relate to amendment in object clause of Memorandum of Association, condonation of delay in filing Company Law Board's orders, non-payment of matured fix deposits, issue of redeemable preference shares in case of non-redemption of irredeemable preference shares, rectification of Members' Register, extension of time for issue of share certificate, condonation of delay in filing particulars of charge or modification of charge, power to call annual general meeting, oppression and mismanagement, appointment of Government Directors, compounding of offences and investigation of companies etc.

(b) 11,189 cases were disposed of by CLB during this period.

(c) Thre posts of members of CLB are likely to be filled up shortly as result of which disposal of cases is expected to improve.

Issuing of Bonds by Financial Institutions

3539. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increasing credit demand, a large number of Financial Institutions like ICICI, SCICI, IFCI, IDBI are coming up with issue of bonds to mop up and harness public and small depositiors' funds by way of fixed deposits offering attracting returns;

(b) if so, the details of the bonds issued by various institutions during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far and the total amount of funds collected under each Bond Scheme; and

(c) what is Government regulation or control over these bonds?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information provided by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the details of public issue of bonds by financial institutions namely IBDI, Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI) and SCICI Ltd. and amount of funds collected during the year 1994-95,

1995-96 and 1996-97 (till date) are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Institution	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
IDBI	Nil	1079.00	Nil
IFCI	Nil	Nil	1250.00*
ICICI	691.35	623.67	Nil
SCICI Ltd.	419.00	473.00	674.00**

*Provisional figures

**Approximate figures

(c) All public issues including debt issues are required to be made in conformity with the guidelines of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for disclosure and investors protection. SEBI has, with effect from March 1996, dispensed with vetting of offer documents for pure debt instruments offered by listed companies subject to certain conditions.

Vasectory Operation of a 17 Year Old Boy in a Private Nursing Home

3540. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vasectomy operation of 17 year old boy in a private nursing home of Delhi without consent of patient and his parents has been reported on 14th August, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whedther some instructions exist for private practitioners and nursing homes to issue prescription slips indication treatment given by them with charges to patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take action against concerned nursing home; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Tourist Information Centres to Promote Buddha Circuit Scheme

3541. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 978 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether tourist information centres have been set up in India and abroad to promote tourism on Buddha Circuit Scheme; and

(b) whether Government have plans to develop these sites further?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India have a network of offices both in India and abroad to promote tourism to various destinations in India including those covered by the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF) of Japan assisted project for the Buddhist Circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The sites are under development through funds